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May 28, 1937.

Left Washington, D.C. by rail en route to Tucson, Ariz, 11.30 P.M.

Luther had left by auto the preceding Sunday to join me at the same place.

May 29

Arrived Chicago, Ill. 4.55 PM.

Trees approaching full leaf. Weather very pleasant.

Left Chicago 9.15 P.M.

May 30,

Approaching Kansas City in morning.

Heavy rains had fallen and west of Kansas City farms and prairies looked

May 30 con.

bright and green, but weather had evidently been pretty dry. Grain heading very short. Young corn in most places only a few inches high.

May 31

Running through New Mexico and reached Ell Paso in morning. Country pretty dry all the way to Tucson where I arrived 5,35 P.M.

Yucca. In New Mexico it was noted that in places where it had evidently rained the slender-leaved agave was in full flower while in places where it had

May 31 con.

not raised the plants had not bloomed.

Luther met me on the station platform. He had driven from Washington in about 5 1/2 days, arriving the morning of May 29.

June 1st

In Tucson. Conferred with Dr. Chas. T. Vorhies, Prof. A.A. Nichol and Forest Supervisor Fred Winn. Lunch with them at Pioneer Hotel. Baggage had been wrongly routed and had not arrived.

June 2nd.

In Tucson.

Baggage arrived in morning. Also supplies by mail and

June 2

Lophortyx gambeli. A number seen & heard calling at Exp. Farm. A covey of about 10 young seen.

Melopelia a. asiatica. Several seen & heard. Evidently breeding in trees on Exp. Farm.

June 2nd con.

In afternoon we drove out to various points. Set gopher traps at State Agric. Exp Farms ~~on~~ near Rillito Creek near town.

Weather becoming quite hot, but not ~~so~~ very oppressive. Left 3 PM, returned 7 P.M.

June 3

In Tucson

Mileage 19149 Ret. 6 PM.
Lv. 7:30 am

Thomomys. Took a dozen specimens at Univ. Agric. Farm on Rillito Creek about 3 mi. N.E. of town. There the gophers are troublesome in breaking irrigation ditches especially. They live in the valley bottom, especially favoring moist areas where there is some grass growing.

June 3 con.

In afternoon set traps in pass between Santa Catalina and Rincon Mts.

June 4.—

Tucson to mountains betw. Sta. Catalinas & Rincon Mts & returns also to San Pedro Riv.

Mileage 19216

Off at 7.30 a.m.

Dipodomys spectabilis. In Pass bet. Sta. Catalinas and Rincon Mts. - mound at base of clump of Mimosa biuncifera.

Thomomys. Live in rather light-colored granitic soil, in small meadows, in pass between the two mountain groups at about 4500 ft. Here near boundary between Upper & Lower Sonoran zones.

June 4 con.

Veg. in pass at about 4500
ft. Sub. mt. ranges.
Quercus emoryi
~~Das~~
Beargrass (Nolina)
Mezquite
Mimosa biuncifera

Dipod. spectab. in mt. meadow in gravelly granitic soil at about 4500 ft.

Ret. 3 P.M.

June 5

Tucson to pass bet. Santa Catalina Mts and Rincon Mts.

Mileage 19303
Off 7 A.M.
Ret. about 11 A.M.

June 6 (Sun)

Tucson. Short trip out to Black Mt. Mileage 19367

Black Mt. - Mt. rising about 800 ft. above plain about 10 mi. S. of Tucson. Old, broken lava, on a calcareous formation

Left 8 AM. Ret. 1 PM

June 7 Mon.

Mileage 19402

Out to Black Mt. to set out traps 2 PM. Returned to Tucson about 7 PM.

Ajo Mts. Fulton and I climbed up and set traps on upper north slope where we found a few junipers and a Rhamnus representing Upper Sonoran Zone element.

Perognathus baileyi. One caught at ~~th~~ a burrow with several entrances in soft soil - a small bare spot among rocks on the mountain slope. Entrances usually plugged, ~~with~~ but a quart or more dirt pushed out in front of them.

June 8th
Tucson to Black Mt. & return
Mileage 19423

Left Tucson for Black Mt, 6 A.M., returned 9 A.M. Spent day preparing specimens and arranging to leave tomorrow for a field trip Ajo region.

June 9
Left Tucson 8.10 AM
Mileage 19455

accompanied by A.A. Nichol. Franseria deltoidea, replaced by F. dumosa in SW Arizona.

Camped for night in mouth of canyon on west slope of Ajo Mts. about 2 PM.

Ajo Mts. of brownish rock, probably volcanic, but eroded in a series of sharp peaks and precipitous cliffs, no especial evidence of dark forms here

June 10
Left Ajo Mts 4,30 PM.
Mileage 1959.2
Camped for night at east end of Puerto Blanco Mts. about 5.30 PM and set out traps in dark, eroded volcanic formation,

June 11

Left Puerto Blanco Mts, 1.15 PM
Mileage 19609
Arrived Bates Well via Ajo about 5 P.M.
Set out some gopher traps
Puerto Blanco Mts. are very dark lava formation appearing to have been pushed up and to have cooled in irregular masses — but
(over)

presumably very old are there has been considerable erosion and a breaking down of the structure leaving rounded marble-like pebbles along the basal slopes. Rather barren of vegetation but some cactuses including *Cereus thurberi* occur.

June 12

Remained Bates Well

Trapped for pocket gophers along wash and set traps for rats and mice on volcanic mt. near well

June 13 (Sun.)

Left Bates 2 P.M.

Mileage ~~19662~~ 19662

Arr. Tucson 6.30 P.M.

Took very few gophers.

Bates Well. Located in ~~pass~~ Growler Pass between the Growler and Bates Mts. The northern end of the Bates Mts. is of very dark volcanic formation and we trapped on the slopes. Woodrats and *Peromyscus eremicus* from there do not appear very dark in color.

~~9537 – 14 6 Gals~~

June. 14 (Mon)
At Tucson, Off 3 PM. Ret 7 PM
Got mail – set traps about
Black Mt. in evening.
Mileage starting off. 19817

June 15 (Tue.)
Rather poor catch of rats
and mice owing to ravages
of ants.
Mileage 19845
Off 6 a.m. Ret, 8.15 P.M

June 16 (Wed)
Mileage 19923 –
Off 5.45 A.M. to Black Mtn.
Returned 9.30 a.m.
Off 1.30 P.M. to Sta. Rita Mts.
Mileage 19955 – 14 mi. N. of [illegible],
Returned Tucson 6 P.M.

Sta. Rita Mts., June 18

Setophaga picta. A fine male among lower oaks in Madera Canyon. Heard singing several times. Noted peculiar, flycatcher-like motions as bird searched along tree trunks and through branches and several times apparently took insects in flight. Tail spread.

Columba fasciata. About thirty seen in small loose flocks and singly among lower oaks. Probably feeding on young acorns.

June 17 (Thurs)
Tucson to Phoenix & return
Left Tucson 8 AM return 8 P.M.

June 18 (Fri)
Mileage 20082
Left Tucson 8.30 AM.
Retd. 6.30 PM.
Drove out to Sta. Rita Mts.
Set out gopher traps in mouth of Madera Canyon and at Old Parker Ranch.

June 19 (Sat.) Tucson

Mileage 20174
Off to Sta. Rita Mts. 7.45 AM.
Ret. 6 PM

Visited Madera Canyon, Sta. Rita Mts. and swung around to Old Parker Ranch where gopher traps were set.

Thomomys at Old Parker Ranch inhabit a decomposed granite flats or deltas in lower edge of oaks. Here Chilopsis linearis and mesquite are blended with oaks. Gophers favor local situations where *Argemone* in patches and probably feed on the roots as had been noted elsewhere.

Thomomys at CCC. camp gophers working among tomato plants in garden.

June 20 (Sun) Tucson.

Mileage 20267
Off to Old Parker Ranch Sta Rita Mtts. 530 A.M. returned 9 A.M.
Brought in Thomas traps which contained 6 specimens.

June 21 (Mon.) Tucson

Mileage 20364
Off 4 P.M. to University Farm.
Ret. 7 P.M.

June 22 (Tue) Tucson

Mileage ~~20389~~ 20389
Off 6 A.M. to University Farm
Ret. 10 A.M.

June 23 (Wed)
Mileage 20476
Trip to Univ Farm & ret.
Took up gopher traps
Off 6 a.m. ret. 10 a.m.

June 24 (Thurs)
Mileage 20508
Left Tucson 3 P.M.
Arrived Nogales 5 P.M.
Stopped Bowman Hotel
Rain:- Slight shower in south & weather unsettled.

June 25. Fri

Mileage 20583

Nogales to Peña Blanca Spg.

Off 9 a.m.

Arrived at Spg. about 10 a.m.

Peña Blanca Spg. located near base of cliffs in upper Sonoran zone, but near border of Lower Sonoran. _Quercus emoryi_ most abundant, but other upper Sonoran species present, also Lower Sonoran.

Juglans
Sycamore
Chilopsis
Erythrina (among oaks)
Nolina
Arctostaphylos
Mimosa biuncifera

June 26 (Sat).
Mileage 20617
Off from Pena Blanca 3 PM
Drove down to Sta Cruz River
set out gopher traps and drove
back to Peña Blanca Spg.

Setophaga picta Pena Blanca Spg
Accipiter cooperi. "
Melopelia ([illegible] oak woods) "
Schmaltzia "
Prunus (wild cherry) "
Platanus "
Juglans "
Castilleja grama,
Returned 6 PM.

June 27 (Mon)
Mileage 20643
Left Peña Blanca 7,30 a.m.
Drove to trap line 5 miles N. of Nogales.

Thomomys. Three specimens in traps set along Nogales Creek, 5 miles north of town.

Drove up into Patagonia Mts.
Quercus hypoleuca
Juniperus
Pinyon.

Returned to Nogales in evening

June 28 (Mon.)

[illegible] sp. 20701

Left Nogales 9 A.M.

Returned to Nogales 7.30 P.M.

Quercus hypoleuca

" emoryi

" ariz.

[illegible] tribes

Melopelia [illegible] seen among oak

Zenaidura com. among oaks, but less numerous [illegible]

June 29 Tue

Left Nog. 7.30 A.M.

Mel[illegible] sp. 20741 near

[illegible], tending [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~

~~[illegible]~~ of Q. emoryi apparently.

Spent day on Patagonia Mts. and returned in evening to Tucson, arriving 7.20 P.M.

Wed.
June 30 Tucson
Remained at Tucson,
Correspondence & reports.

July 1 (Thurs).
Mileage 20882
Left Tucson 2 P.M.
Arrived 5,30 P.M. Willcox

July 2 (Fri) Willcox
Mileage 20979
Left Willcox 7.20 a.m.
arrived 6.30 P.M.

July 3.
Mileage 21030
Left Willcox 7.30 AM.
Farms (corn)
Typ. Verb.
Geococ.
Sulphur Spgs Valley – Level
bottom alkaline in part.
Prosopis
Atriplex
Grass — Well grassed.
Left Willcox for Benson
4.15 PM, continued from Benson
to Bisbee where we arrived
6.45 P.M.

Loph. gambeli, noted two
crossing road near Benson.

Covillea near Benson

Road ascended gradually
from Benson and a short
distance ~~north~~ of Bisbee

July 3 con.
entered oak belt.

Weather. Hot in morning but heavy showers near Bisbee in evening.

July 4 (Sun)

Mileage 21150

Left Bisbee 10 A.M. — drove to Tombstone and about nine miles north turned west and southwest and passed through a high rolling hilly country well grassed but in July drought [illegible] the vegetation. Stopped at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and back to Tucson. arriving 7 PM.

July 5 (Mon)
In Tucson

July 6 (Tue)
Mileage 21307
At Tucson - Visited points in
country near Santa Rita Mts.
Off 8.30 A.M. Ret. 4 P.M.

July 7 (Wed)
Mileage 21381
Left Tucson 1.15 P.M.
Arr.

Zone. Some upper Sonoran
zone elements - juniper,
[illegible] or [illegible]
crossed by highway west
of Tucson but Lower
Sonoran preponderant.
Nolina bigl. Noted seen
from highway east of
Tucson.

July 7 con

Yucca – 2 sp. narrow leaved & Yucca baccata begins a little west of Benson.
ar. Benson 2.12 P.M.
Covillea [illegible] – 2 spp. near ~~at~~ Benson.

Dragoon Mts. Quite rugged ~~especially~~ near southern end. Brushy & evidently Upper Sonoran on top.

Thomomys. In pass at north end of Dragoon Mts., Oaks, Nolina and mezquite and general conditions much as at Old Parker Ranch. Drop gradual and rather slight to Sulphur Spgs Valley.

July 7 con

Veg. in Sulphur Spgs Valley:
Mezquite (abundant)
Yucca (narrow leaf).
Grass in part.
Willcox arr. 3.20 P.M.

Dos Cabezas Mts. Brush & Upper Son. on top – moderately steep
arr. Safford 5 P.M.

July 8

Mileage 21525
Off 8.30 AM, ret. 6. PM
at Safford & vic.

Thomomys. Took a series in and about cultivated fields on Gila Valley bottom. Adult males seem to have large scrotum but small testes.

July 9
Mileage 21552
off 830 am; ret, 6 PM
At Safford area
Thomomys completed

July 10,
Mileage 21566
Left Safford, arr 10 am
Prosopis – Mezquite small leaved,
Covillea abundant,
Route, out over gradually sloping plain into San Simon Valley to Steins and south to Portal then up ~~to~~ Rustler Park

Thomomys. On mezquite plain about 5 miles south of Bowie.
Peloncillo Mts. A ~~[illegible]~~ chain of rugged peaks not very high and with low passes between. Road through Steins N.M. ~~crosses~~ is through southern end.
Creosote } is found through
Ocotillo } Steins Pass.

Peloncillo Mts, Upper Son. on top

Sykes. At Portal Ranger Sta. met young Sykes (son of Godfrey), who gave us key to cabin at Rustler Park.
Rustler Park. Road built in to this point at 8500 ft. alt.
Columba fasciata. Rustler Park.
arr. Rustler Park 4 PM.

July 11 (Sun)

Remained at Rustler Park, Chiricahua Mts.

Thomomys. Took two in patch of Iris at Rustler Park. 85081 They feed on the stems and leaves of the Iris. Males with smaller testes. Climbed to top of Fly Peak accompanied by [illegible]. Set out traps on summit and caught a pair of Thomomys that appear to be exactly like those from [illegible] ft. Females have two pairs of mammae normally, but one had clearly one only on one side.

Hermit Thrush heard singing at Rustler Park.

Columba fasciata heard cooing at Rustler Park.

Junco. Red-backed seen

Colaptes cafer (common)

Piranga ludoviciana. One alighted near the window of the cabin at Rustler.

July 12

Mileage 21698

Off from Rustler 3:15 PM

Arr. Portal 7 PM. after trip to cienega on San Simon. Cienega largely filled with a large sedge.

Mo July 18 Dec
2 1794
Off for ~~Hands R~~
Portal & Hands Ranch
8 A.M. Arr. Douglas 7 P.M.
Rodeo 10.30
Ephedra - abundant on plain
Yucca (narrow leaf)
Mezquite
Grazing plain mainly
Dipod. spectab.
Chiricahua station 11924
over grassy divide.
Dipod. spectab., con-
spicuous on grassy plain.
Zone - Lower Son. through
pass at Silver Cr.
Thornapps at intervals along
way.

Volcanic area. near
Chiricahua divide
Fouquieria } near Douglas
Covillea }

Douglas 12 M.

In afternoon drove out San Geronimo past San Bernardino close to Mexican boundary to Peloncillo Mts setting traps in route and returned to Douglas 7 P.M.

John Hands. Visited near Portal and received considerable information. Sykes went with us and we bade him goodbye at Hands place. Hands believes there are two kinds of whitetail deer but admits that they mix - they are believed to be a large and very small type the latter with small horns.

July 13 con,
Cienega in San Simon, Hands says this would be a very fine area for a bird refuge as several kinds of ducks nest there. Composed of about 2000 acres of marsh which is now filling in at head and cutting out at lower end.

July 14
Mileage 21915
Left Douglas 6,15 AM
Took my traps and make up specimens in Peloncillo Mts.
Celtis retic. – Peloncillo Mts
Platanus – Juniper mono.
Juglans
Quercus emoryi
[illegible]
Zone Peloncillo Mts, Upper Sonoran
Drove across lower end of Chiricahua Mts. and upper Sulphur Spring Valley
Camp in Patagonia Mts. 8,15 PM

July 15.

Left Patagonia Mts 8 15 A.M.
Mileage 22079
Drove ~~down~~ east of Santa Cruz River, trapped gophers and returned over Patagonia Pass and area Nogales vicinity to Tucson, Arr. 4.45 PM

July 16

In Tucson.
Mail & packing specimens

July 17

Mileage 22225
Left 11.10 AM from Tucson
Arr. Springerville 7.30 PM.
Route to Florence over rolling plain north of Sta. Catalinas.
Opuntia fulgida, ([illegible] [illegible] Fie. N ~~Com~~ abundant cholla on road to Florence.
Opuntia versicolor — cholla slender, shows dark color, ranges with fulgida
Florence 12.45 PM.
Reserve Junction left 1.45
Olneya tesota.
Zone. Towson to [illegible] Superior.
Coffee bean — near Superior

July 17 cont.

~~Upper~~

Zone upper in Pinal Mts. south of Miami.

Ps. menziesii

Pla[illegible]

Juniper

Globe 3.15

Zone. Few yellow pines on mts. between Globe & Salt River

Nolina microcarpa [illegible]

July 18 (Sun.)

Mileage 22494 – off. 8 a.m.

Trip to McKay Ranch where "cony" reports were investigated.

Zenandura. Soft [illegible] noted [illegible] where balsam spruce, aspen and alders poplars and aspens grow along stream in Transition Zone.

Merriam Elk: At Beckers Store in Springerville.

Antlers about like Rocky Mt. elk in general size but apparently more flattened near ends. Points 3 near ends – one set with four points and one with [illegible]. Main beam fairly straight to near end.

Jack-rabbit Deer, Mrs. M. Bertrain at Luna has horns of little deer, also called "rock deer".

Bill Jones, Reserve, N.M. knows about these deer.

Grizzly: According to W.B. Manuel last one killed by a Mexican 27 Sept. 1928 on Big Bonito Ck. south of Baldy. This is now in Mus. Vert. Zool.

July 18 con.
Returned from McKay Ranch to Springville and drove to Musgraves cabin. Arr. 6 P.M.

July 19-20. Mon & Tue.
At Musgraves, on W. Fork of Black River.

West Fork of Black Riv: Marshy meadows along river.

July 21 Wed
Mileage 22535
Left Black River 3 P.M.
Arr. Holbrook 7.30 P.M.
~~Ver~~

Big Lake. Visited briefly en route. A dam has been placed at lower end of lake. Time did not permit us to make a satisfactory study of conditions.

July 22 Thurs.
Mileage 26669
Off 8 A.M. from Holbrook.
Arr. Flagstaff, Ariz. 11 A.M.
Drove out to Little Spring and Met Lo. M Huey in afternoon. Returned Flag. 6 P.M.

July 23 Fri
Mileage 22807
Left Flag. 2.20 p.m.
Cedar Ridge — Sev. [illegible]
[illegible]
Sandy area 4 mi. south of
Grand Canyon
[illegible], 14 mi S,
Arrived Jacob Lake
7 PM

July 24 Sat
Mileage 22975
Left Jacob Lake 7.45 A.M.
Arrived St. George, 1 P.M.
Left St. George 3 P.M.
Arrived on juniper ridge near Mt.
Seegmiller 5 PM - set out some
traps.
Climbed from Ariz. state line
up into pinyon belt on ridge.

July 25 - 26.
In camp 4 mi. N. of Wolf Hole.

Dipod. microps - N. of Wolf Hole. - Associated with Coleogyne ramos., Yucca baccata,

July 27 ~~4510~~
Mileage 23207
Left from N. of Wolf Hole 8.10 A.M.
Lycium pallidum
Arr. Mt. Trumbull - Bundyville 11.30 A.M.
Cowania
Artemisia trid.
Amphi. fil.
Arrived lower end of Toroweap, 6 PM - camp on rim of Grand Canyon.

Lava bed - formed in part of lava and in part of cinders. Lava capped hills and general outcrops extending from Mt. Trumbull reaching continuously to lower end of Toroweap Valley.

July 28-29

In camp on rim of Grand Canyon at lower end of Toroweap Valley,

Hawk. - A pair located along rim of Grand Canyon, Dark in general color - quite dark on back with light-tipped long tail; Wings pointed, set well forward are distinctly inclined downward; under parts - apparently chestnut possibly black barred - very swift in flight - giving somewhat rabbit-like cries, One seen apparently driving off another hawk not identified.

July 30

Mileage 23286

Left Toroweap 2,45 PM

Arrived Nixon Spg. 5.30 PM,

Found Huey and party there.

Weather clear and comparatively

July 31 on dir.

Mileage 23316 - 23388

Off from Nixon Sps 9 am

Route back via Wolf Hole to St. George, Utah.

Arr. 1,15 P.M.

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Aug. 1 Sun
In St. George Utah
Short trip with Nick to sand dunes.

Aug 2 Mon
Left St. Geo. for Arizona strip 10.50 AM.
Mileage 23396
Reading at Wolf Hole 23426.5
Wolf Hole 12.10 P.M.
Hobble canyon
Englestyon,
Coleogyne

Turn back 23348
3.35. P.M.

Wolf Hole again 5.30 P.M.
~~Mile~~ at Wolf Hole 23469
Arr. at camp 17 mi. S. of Wolf Hole. 6.30 P.M.
This camp in heavy sage with juniper on low ridges around.

Aug. 3 Tue
Left camp 17 mi. S. of Wolf Hole 8 A.M.
Mileage 23486
Veg. Sage brush - ~~[illegible]~~ mixed Juniper and cliff rose in places, also Berberis Fremonti.
Arr. Nixon Spg. 4 P.M.

Aug. 4 (Wed.)
Remained at [illegible].
Visited traps 4 miles away (2 trips)
Mileage 23538
Left 8 A.M.
Ret. 6 PM

Aug. 5 Thur
Mileage 23554
Left [illegible] 3:15 P.M.
Arrived camp 6:30 PM

Aug. 6 Fri.
Mileage 23611
Left Camp 20 mi. S. of "Wolf Hole" 9 A.M.
Arrived St. George 6 P.M.

Aug. 7
Mileage 23717 -
At St. George & vicinity
Out to traps early

Fred Pfleger
R D 4 Phoenix